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Mr. Joseph Cullman 3rd
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Dear Mr. Cullman:

I have been out of town on several trips since our pleasant dinner party at the Ehrman's and hence have not answered your letter. In this regard I thought the recent Editorial in the New York Times concerning your discussion with the American Cancer Society was a very good statement of the situation. I think your position is a very fair and found one. The premature announcement of "Breakthroughs" is uniformly condemned in the scientific community, and has been especially abused in the field of heart transplantation. A report simply cannot be assessed until it is published with the numerical data, reviewed by others experienced in the field, and then the findings evaluated in subsequent experiments.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for futher discussion in this regard. My office telephone at Bellevue Hospital is Le - 2 0758.

Sincerely,

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